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## OUR DAY.

One of Light and Faith, Reaching Back to the Year 432.

When Glorious St. Patrick First Set Foot on the Soil of Erin.

Seven Thousand Churches Were Erected During His Apostolate.

CREATED ARMAGH HIS METROPOLIS

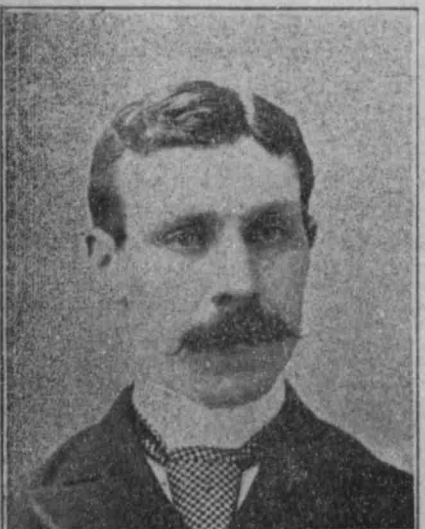
"Westward lies an isle of ancient fame, By nature blessed, and Scotia is her name, Unrivaled in books, exhaustless in her store Of veins of silver and of golden ore.



FRANCIS G. CUNNINGHAM. Will appear as Robert Emmet in the St. Patrick's Day Celebration.

Her fruitful soil forever teems with wealth, With gems her waters and her air with health; Her verdant fields with milk and honey flow, Her woolly fleeces vie with virgin snow, Her waving furrows float with bearded corn, And arms and arts her envied sons adorn, No savage bear with lawless fury roves, No ravenous lion through her peaceful groves; No poison there infects, no scaly snake Creeps through the grass, nor frog annoys the lake— An island worthy of its pious race, In war triumphant and unmatched in peace."

In the annals of the Druids there was a prophecy that foretold the coming to the island of a man of God who would change and perfect the belief of those simple yet royal minded people. But like the Jews with Christ, they looked to his coming as the era of a new political dynasty of great pomp and power, instead of a peaceful, religious transformation. And



JAMES RATIGAN. Well-known Irish Traveler, who has encircled the globe.

again in the ancient archives of Trinity College, Dublin, there is said to be a prophecy relative to the coming of St. Patrick. The religion of pagan Ireland seems to have been of a milder type than that practiced by other Celtic nations of Europe and by the Scythians. Baal, the sun, and Samhain, the moon, were their chief divinities. Baal fires glowed on every hillside May 1 and November eve. All-hallow'een was sacred to the moon and dedicated with feasts and superstitious ceremonies. There was a poetical mysticism about their belief that hallowed every spot as the home of superior beings. The roaring waters and tempestuous winds were but the voices of those divinities, while the soft breeze was but their breath, the placid wells and streams their mirrors. There is little wonder that Druidism had such a hold on the hearts and minds of these primitive people, when after fourteen centuries they continue to people the bogs with fairies and even yet hear the wail of the banshee waivered on the gentle zephyrs of evening. St. Patrick landed in Ireland in the year 432, during the first year of the pontificate of St. Sixtus III. and the fourth year of the reign of Lughaidh as monarch of Ireland. From the first day he set foot on the beautiful soil of Erin his mis-

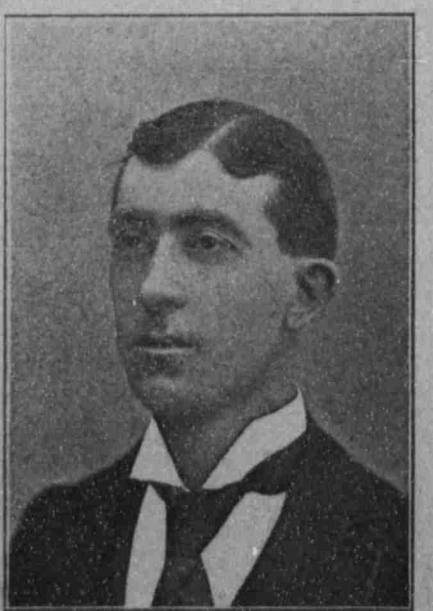
sion seemed to absorb the attention of the nation even, as writers say, "to the exclusion of all other affairs." On Easter eve St. Patrick arrived at a place now called Slane, on the north bank of the Boyne. Here he rested with the intention of celebrating the festival in sight of Tara. It was penal to light a fire within



FRANK McGRATH. One of the founders of the Irish-American Society.

the province before the King's bonfire appeared during the celebration of the solemn convention. St. Patrick, either not knowing their custom or not caring about it, lighted a blazing fire in front of his tent, which, though eight miles from Tara, was plainly visible there. There was, we are told, much consternation among the Druids, who informed the King that "unless yonder fire be this night extinguished he who lighted it will with his followers forever reign over the whole island." True prophecy. For Patrick, in spite of the opposition of the Druids, was invited by the King to speak to the people on the following day. St. Patrick preached to the people in the presence of the King, who was so impressed that he gave him permission to preach the new doctrine throughout the kingdom without fear of molestation. Success followed this great man at every step. Then as now the church adapted itself to the needs of the people. The new converts from Druidism saw in the baptismal font where they were immersed the sacred well at which their fathers worshiped. The Druidical stones on the "high places" were transformed into the Cross of Jesus. The sacred grove was consecrated anew to religion and the word Dair, or oak, so often combined with names of churches in Ireland mark in later centuries the favorites which they superseded.

Let it be remembered as a token of female piety that the daughters of chiefs and a wife of one of the Kings of Ireland were the first to embrace Christianity. But it was especially in Connaught that St. Patrick wrought his most wonderful miracles. The two beautiful daughters of King Laghaire received instructions and were so ravished with the delights of the holy faith that after receiving the sacraments their virgin souls were immediately ushered into the presence of the God of happiness. The ancient name of the palace of the Kings of Connaught is now called Rathcroghan and contains the remains of several Eastern forts. It was to Cruachan Aigle St. Patrick betook himself to spend the season of Lent. This latter was in the County of Mayo, and it was from this place he drove before him the several tribes of serpents and venomous creatures into the Western ocean, from which all Ireland is to this day exempt. For seven years he labored in Connaught, being joined there by the Bishops Secundinus, Auxilius and Iserinus. This was in 439. We find from this point St. Patrick went to Ulster, founded a church in Donegal and foretold here the birth of great Columba, who was a descendant of King Laghaire's son Fergus. In Armagh we find our saint building the famous rock church, the dimensions of which were given to him by an angel. In fact the building of all Armagh is jealously ascribed to St. Patrick, who instructed the workmen it should be the metropolis and the mistress of all Erin. Having completed the great Cathedral of Armagh and converted the



WILLIAM DELANEY. Young Irish-American prominent in Hibernian circles.

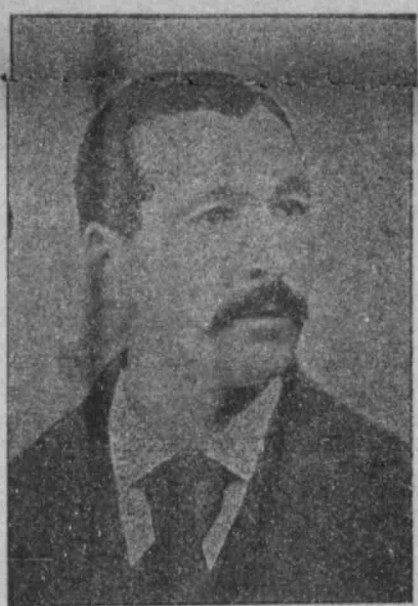
whole island, our holy patron visited Rome for the second time since he had undertaken the conversion of pagan Ireland. This is conceded to have been about the year 457 or 458. It was during this visit that the Supreme Pontiff bestowed upon him the title of Apostle of

Ireland and presented him with many rare relics, among them a linen cloth stained with the blood of our Saviour. These on his return to Hibernia he deposited in a chest behind the great altar of the Cathedral. In this church it was for centuries the custom at Easter and Pentecost to produce and venerate these holy relics in the presence of all the people.

It is said by historians that this great apostle traveled constantly on foot, in imitation of the early apostles of the church. When he received gifts, which he frequently did, from Kings and Princes, he hastened to give them away, deeming it more blessed to give than to receive. His appearance was dignified and engaging and impressed beholders with the sanctity of his life. He was well educated and thoroughly versed in Latin, Irish, Gaelic and English. Historians can proudly point with unerring accuracy to the fact that it was the first thought of this great saint and of all the countless other eminent sons of the Roman church during the early and middle ages to rear schools and colleges for the lowly and ignorant, that the church might better flourish when the fruit of knowledge was being gathered along with the faith. He is the author of many epistles, canons and proverbs, also of a work entitled "Of the three dwellings: Heaven, or the Kingdom of God, the World and Hell."

Before his death St. Patrick was forewarned by an angel that he would not die in Armagh, his own see, but in the Monastery of Saul, in Down. Here in the midst of a large assemblage of monks, for he had at this early date founded convents both of holy men and women, as well as built churches, he breathed forth his blessed spirit into the hands of his Maker. His historian writing of him says rightly is he called a Prophet of the Most High who foretold so many things to come. Rightly is he called the Apostle of Ireland, seeing that all the people thereof and the other islanders are the signs of his apostleship. Rightly is he called a martyr, suffering so many snares and conflicts from idolaters, magicians, rulers and evil spirits. Rightly is he called confessor and virgin, so that he is numbered among the angelic choirs and the assembly of all saints, who was the sharer in all holy acts and all virtues.

Thus died on March 17, about the year 493, the illustrious Bishop who baptized and blessed the sons and daughters of Ireland. At his death it is estimated



THOMAS CLEARY. Keeps Open House on First Street for All Hibernians.

conservatively that seven hundred churches had been erected and seven hundred Bishops and three thousand priests had been consecrated and ordained by this intrepid worker in God's vineyard.

In closing this short sketch of our patron saint, what can be more beautiful than the words of the saintly poet Father F. W. Faber:

"All praise to St. Patrick, who brought to our mountains The gift of God's faith, the sweet light of His love; All praise to the shepherd who showed us the fountains That rise in the heart of the Savior above.

For hundreds of years In smiles and in tears Our saint hath been with us, our shield and our stay; All else may have gone, St. Patrick alone— He hath been to us light when earth's lights were all set, For the glories of faith can never decay, And the best of our glories is bright with as yet, In the faith and feast of St. Patrick's day."

ANNIE NEVIN CUNNINGHAM.

AFTER LATEST STYLES.

Miss Kate O'Brien, the well-known modiste, is at present in New York City, where she will spend from ten days to two weeks attending the openings of the metropolitan pattern houses, in order to obtain for her clientele the very latest modes and leading styles.

DESERVED PROMOTION.

Frank G. Cunningham's friends will read with pleasure the announcement of his promotion to an assistant chief clerkship by the Louisville, Evansville and St. Louis Railway Company. Mr. Cunningham has been with this company for several years, during which time he has acquired a thorough knowledge of the railroad business. None congratulate him more heartily upon his advancement than his fellow clerks and railway acquaintances.

## DOWN TO WORK.

The Hibernians Will Adopt Measures to Increase the Membership.

Financial Standing of the Order in Jefferson County Gratifying.

Two Divisions Hold Interesting Meetings and Initiate Members.

YOUNG MEN AND CONSOLIDATION

The annual reports of the State and County officers of the Ancient Order of Hibernians have been forwarded to all the divisions in the State. They show the order in Jefferson county to be in splendid condition, the five divisions in this city having several thousand dollars to their credit. There has not been the increase in membership during the past year that had been hoped for, and therefore the members are appealed to to follow the example being set in other localities to double the membership, which in Louisville should number at least 4,000 men.

These suggestions were given careful consideration at the meeting of Division 1 last Tuesday evening, being thoroughly discussed by President Keenan, David O'Connell, Tim J. Sullivan, John Mulloy, Patrick Liston, John J. Keane and others. The matter was finally referred to a special committee consisting of John Mulloy, James Rodgers and William M. Higgins, with instructions to prepare plans for carrying out the recommendations made and inaugurating a campaign that will produce the desired revival in membership in the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

There was a good attendance when President Tom Keenan opened the meeting. After the approval of the minutes and the transaction of routine business the Sick Committee reported that it had nothing to do, as there were none on the list.

James P. Tracy was initiated into the order and four applications were received and referred.

The special committee preparing a new initiatory degree for Division 1 reported progress, the chairman stating that they were arranging one that would embrace many excellent features and be second to none. All the members are now devoting their time to the St. Patrick's day celebration, hence the delay.

Among the visitors present were Frank Cunningham, President of the Young's Men's Division, whose report on the entertainment at Masonic Temple tomorrow night elicited warm applause. Tom Cody, the popular brewery agent, who had been absent from many meetings, was also given a hearty reception.

Division 4 met Wednesday night with its usual large attendance, and President Hennessy conducted the business rapidly, adjourning the meeting at an early hour that members might witness and participate in the rehearsal for Sunday night's performance.

There was pleasure over the return of John Brown, who had been ill for some months, and Nick Smith, who was initiated. Besides transacting routine business reports of the county officers were read and several applications for membership received and referred. There was manifest disappointment because Pat Fallon could not remain through the session.

The meeting of the County Board will be held March 28, when all representatives are expected to be present.

No action has yet been taken by either Division 6 or Division 1 upon the question of the former being merged into the older division.

CONDITION CRITICAL.

Miss Mary F. O'Connell, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David O'Connell, has been critically ill at her home on East Washington street for the past three weeks. For ten days she was in a semi-unconscious state and her recovery was despaired of. Miss O'Connell suffered from a sudden attack of brain trouble. Yesterday her physicians reported her as improving, and the friends of the family hope the danger point is now past.

NARROW ESCAPE.

Michael McDermott, who has been confined to his home on Missouri avenue, Jeffersonville, as the result of a fall Sunday evening, is reported much better. Mr. McDermott was walking along the Dinkley track when he slipped and fell before an approaching train, sustaining serious bruises about his face. But for the timely arrival of assistance he might have been run over. Mr. McDermott is over sixty years of age.

THE IRISH CAUSE.

We think the time has come when the Irish people of this country who withdrew their support from the national cause at home because of the seeming hopelessness of the leaders' quarreling should get together again and consider means for helping the fight for Home Rule once more. The quarrel is now

composed, the party is once more a unit for political action and the most important results may be looked for now that the ship is once more in fighting trim.

The fight can not be carried on with any practical efficiency unless the hands of the party are strengthened. The skeletons of the former organization in this country, which rendered such invaluable service in the past, are still in existence, and not much effort ought to be needed to clothe these dry bones with muscle, nerve and flesh. Irish sympathy is just now being freely expended on the Boers. There is a land and people at home whose claims are far higher, and it is high time to recall attention to this most important fact.—[Catholic Standard.]

## TODAY'S SERVICES.

Masses in Honor of St. Patrick in All the Catholic Churches.

This morning the anniversary of St. Patrick will be commemorated in the Catholic churches of the city by the celebration of Pontifical high mass. The services at St. Patrick's, St. Louis Bertrand, Sacred Heart, St. Cecilia's, St. Brigid's and St. Michael's will be very brilliant and impressive, particularly those at the three former, where the choirs will be largely augmented for the special musical programme arranged for this occasion.

Owing to the demands of our advertising patrons we are compelled to forego publication of extended details of the services, which will in all cases be largely attended.

## PEEKING'S

Reminiscence and Comment Upon a Great Editor's Writings.

Editor of Kentucky Irish American: LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 16.—Dear Sir: Until a few years ago the Courier-Journal was the most uncompromising foe of England in this country. Its editorial department fairly blazed with exposures of British brutality, duplicity, rapacity and insolence. I recall one editorial in which the writer proved that England



THOMAS CLINES. He will make a hit at Masonic Temple tomorrow night.

was our hereditary enemy; that she seized every opportunity to bully and belittle us; that our citizens were maligned and our institutions ridiculed by her, and after further proving her guilty of every crime and misdemeanor in her treatment of weaker nations, he demanded revenge—yes, verily, revenge he must have. If we are going to whip anybody, by all means let it be England, quoth this twister of the lion's tail. But see what a change has come over the aforesaid editorial department. No more such editorials, no more lion baiting, no more jokes about the Queen's increasing avowals or racy stories about her blackguard son. Oh, no! those things are all forbidden now. In their places we find laudatory phrases, showing the beauties of English government, liberty, civilization, magnanimity, bravery and even of her State and church. Prominence is given all dispatches which blind the unthinking to her flagitious course in South Africa and news tending to show the true state of affairs is rigorously excluded. What has caused such a complete change? Surely not the alleged help of Great Britain during our war with Spain. Even the lowest grade of fools in America knows that she never loaned us a man, a ship, a gun or a dollar, and it requires but little sense to see that had Spain triumphed England would have helped her celebrate the victory over those dirty Yankee dogs and proved conclusively that she was Spain's only friend and kept Europe from aiding the United States. The reader may form his own opinion as to the reason of the Courier-Journal's change of front, but I hope he will not accuse Queen Victoria of touching Henri Watterson with her golden rod.

Watterson, Watterson, where have you been? Over in London to see the Queen.

Watterson, Watterson, what did you do? Tendered my help and allegiance, too.

Watterson, Watterson, what came next? Well, to tell you the truth, I was rather perplexed—

She showed me the grounds, the garden and house.

The while I kept still and discreet as a mouse.

Till finally she asked in days gone by

I was loyal to England, and if not why? Says she, dear Henri, I've read some skits in the Courier-Journal that gave me fits, And you know 'tisn't right for a Tory like you

To question at all whatever I do. If I have a mind to create a new tax, Plunder the Boers or slaughter the blacks,



JAMES REAGAN. Has Always Taken a Prominent Part in Irish-American Affairs.

Please understand me, before you go, It is none of your business, don't you know;

Your place is to whoop and bellow and shout,

And tell Anglo-manics all about The bountiful blessings they'll have over there

When their country is ruled by myself or my heir.

A felicitous state, I am sure, you desire, For an Anglo-Saxon can not hope any higher.

So be off with you, Henri, and blow your buzoo—

As a first-water cockney I think you'll do.

PEEKING.

## MACKIN COUNCIL.

Its Members Have Been Presented Shamrocks For Today.

Mr. C. H. Zook, a well-known and popular member of Mackin Council, has arranged to furnish all the members of that society with a genuine shamrock for St. Patrick's day. Mr. Zook claims to have under cultivation at his home on West Chestnut street a thriving bed of the three-foil clover.

The meeting last Tuesday night was an interesting one, new members being initiated and several applications received. The Visiting Committee reported Joe Deuser and Thomas Peake, who have been ill, as greatly improved.

The special committee for the annual picnic reported progress, stating they had secured the date most desirable for this summer's outing.

At the last meeting of the House Committee arrangements were made for having the lawn beautified and other repairs made about the club house.

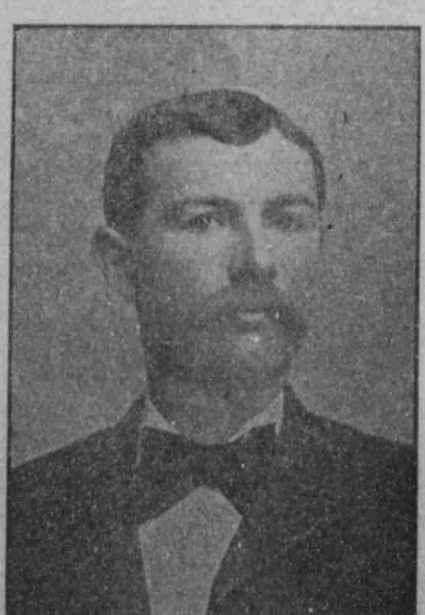
The Subscription Committee have adopted new plans for this season's work, and feel confident that in a short time Mackin Council will be able to erect a bowling alley and gymnasium, where the members can invite their friends and enjoy themselves.

Mackin Council will be well represented at the play of "Robert Emmet" Sunday night. The Council meets again Tuesday night.

## GROWING RAPIDLY.

Twenty-Five Names Added to the Irish-American Society.

Thursday night's meeting of the Irish-American Society resulted in another large addition to the membership. Secretary Joe Byrne enrolling twenty-five names. Those present for initiation were John J. Sullivan, James Moore, Christy Burns, Dennis Minogue, Will J. Scanlan, M. Cahill, Thomas F. Gibbons and Thos



MICHAEL MURPHY. Enterprising Grocer at Seventeenth and Portland Avenue.

Malone. Thomas Cleary was appointed Chairman of the Relief Committee, composed of Jerry Scanlan, William Lawler, Pat Connaughton, Tom Gibbons, Thos. Claire, Edward Malone, Dennis Minogue and John Garrity. Interest in the society has revived with surprising rapidity.

## JEFFERSONVILLE

Hibernians Will Celebrate in Honor of St. Patrick Tonight.

Barney Coll Still Leading in the Race for County Treasurer.

The Campaign for Local Offices Will Be Open Next Monday.

A LARGE CROWD FROM LOUISVILLE.

The Hibernians of Jeffersonville have completed all arrangements for their celebration tonight of St. Patrick's anniversary, which will take place at Frau's Hall. The affair will be complimentary.



JAMES A. ROSS. Successful Limerick Grocer and Popular Hibernian.

Invitations have been extended to State and county officers of Indiana and Kentucky, and also the divisions of Louisville and New Albany, and it is expected to have the largest gathering of Hibernians ever assembled in Southern Indiana.

The program "to be rather informal, but we learn the committee in charge will introduce several pleasing features. Prominent citizens and members of the order will deliver short addresses, followed by vocal and instrumental music. During the evening a collation will be served, after which the session will take the form of a "smoker."

President Will Reilly, Barney Coll, John Kenney, Pat Tracy, John Doherty and others will act as a reception committee, and their guests are certainly sure of a good time. Already large numbers of Louisville and New Albany members have declared their intention of attending.

The race for the Democratic nomination for County Treasurer is growing more exciting as the day for the primary approaches. Though there are five candidates announced for the office, Barney Coll's friends are enthusiastic over his prospects and declare that the popular State Treasurer of the Ancient Order of Hibernians already has his race won. Barney Coll has been a resident of Jeffersonville for the past thirty years, com-



JOSEPH E. HILL. Will Appear Tomorrow Night as Kern and the Traitor.

ing to that city with his father, Morris Coll, when he was a boy. He has passed twenty years in the grocery trade of Jeffersonville in connection with his brother, operating the largest grocery house in that city. Mr. Coll is married and has two interesting children. Since 1885 Barney Coll has been Treasurer of the Democratic County Committee, and occupies the position of Treasurer of the Democratic City Committee of Jeffersonville at this time. He has taken an active part in politics from the beginning of early manhood, and is noted as a power in city politics, and as a faithful, unswerving Democrat. He has never before been a candidate for public office, preferring the hard work of the campaign to party honors. So far as qualifications are concerned he is well qualified both from a business and educational standpoint, and if he is nominated he will be elected by an overwhelming majority.

Edward Driscoll, one of the most popular young men in Jeffersonville, declined to enter the race for the Democratic nomination for Councilman from the Fifth ward.

Miss Jean McCann was this week the guest of her sister, Mrs. Frank Burke, in Indianapolis.

The nominations for Councilmen having been made the campaign will open in earnest next week. Several strong men are on the Democratic ticket, and it is doubtful if they can be defeated.